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## INSPECTION REPORT

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801-359-3940 (Fax)	
801-538-7223 (TDD)	Inspection Date & Time:

Exploration: mpl<u>ete:</u> 0-4:30 PM Date of Last Inspection: <u>07/17/2001</u>

Mine Name: <u>Hiawatha Complex</u>	County: Carbon	Permit Number:	***
Permittee and/or Operator's Name:	Hiawatha Coal Company		
Business Address: P.O. Box 1202.	Huntington, Utah 84528		
Type of Mining Activity: Undergro	und XXX Surface	Prep. Plant	Other_
Company Official(s): Nate Finley			
State Official(s): Wayne Western	Federal Official(s): Non-	e	
Weather Conditions: Partly cloudy	skies, upper 90's		
Existing Acreage: Permitted 12,1		Regraded	Seeded
Status: Active Reclamation XXX		· ·	<del></del>

# REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
  - For <u>partial inspections</u> check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below. 2.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

1. 2. 3.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE SIGNS AND MARKERS TOPSOIL	EVALUATED [X] [X] []	<u>N/A</u> ∐ ∐ ∐	COMMENTS  L1  L1  L1	NOV/ENF
<ol> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> </ol>	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: a. DIVERSIONS b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES d. WATER MONITORING e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS EXPLOSIVES	[X] [X] [] [] []			
6. 7.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	П	[X]	П	
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[X] [X]			
11. 12. 13. 14. 15.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION BACKFILLING AND GRADING REVEGETATION SUBSIDENCE CONTROL CESSATION OF OPERATIONS ROADS:				
18. 19. 20.	a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS AVS CHECK (4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter- April, May, June) AIR QUALITY PERMIT BONDING & INSURANCE	[X] [] [] [] []			

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(Continuation sheet)

PERMIT NUMBER: C/007011

DATE OF INSPECTION: \_08/27/2001

(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

#### 4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The Permittee completed backfilling and grading Pond 5. However, Slurry Pond 5A has not been reclaimed. The Permittee plans to remove coal fines from the pond as market conditions allow. After the fines are removed, the Permittee plans to use Slurry Pond 5A as an evaporation (total containment) pond for future mining operations.

The Permittee continues to ship coal fines from Slurry Pond 4, which has been breached and is considered decommissioned by MSHA. The Permittee plans to remove all recoverable fines from Slurry Pond 4 before removing fines from Slurry Pond 5A. Once the fines have been removed from Slurry Pond 5A, the Permittee plans to use the pond for future mining activities. They plan on keeping Pond 5A as a total containment pond.

The sediment pond in South Fork Canyon was dry.

#### 11. **CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION**

The backfilling and grading for Refuse Pile No.1 was completed earlier this year. The site appears to be stable and the pocks remain in tack. The Division recommended that the Permittee apply for Phase I and possibly Phase II bond release simultaneously for Slurry Pond 5 and Refuse Pile 4.

#### 12. **BACKFILLING AND GRADING**

The Permittee completed backfilling, grading, surface preparation (pocking), and seeding on Slurry Pond 5. They plan on applying for Phase I and possibly Phase II bond release soon.

#### 13. REVEGETATION

The Permittee seeded the Pond 5 a few weeks ago to take advantage of rainfall. The rainfall caused minor erosion that covered the seeds, thus protecting them from birds.

#### 16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

The road surfaces in South Fork, Middle Fork, and in the main mine facilities areas were in proper order. The asphalt surface on the roads in South Fork and Middle Fork have cracks but appear to be functional.

Inspector's Signature:

Date: August 28, 2001

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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